

Decision Making Options

Voting

Daisy and above

Show of Hands (eyes open or closed)

Ballot box with write in or designated items

Electronic polls for older Girl Scouts

Vote with your feet (stand here for A and there for B)

Weighted Voting - sticky dots

Brownie and above

When deciding between several options, create a page for each choice.

Provide each Girl Scout with 3-5 sticky dots (or post it notes)

Each Girl Scout can choose how to distribute their dots, all on one choice or spreading them between several options.

The option with the most dots wins.

(to make this a secret ballot, use pennies in mason jars with paper obscuring the contents and a slit for the penny to fall through - place the jars in a private area and allow voting one person at a time)

Consensus Building - Vote with your Feet

Junior and above

Create a physical place (the corners of a room for example) to occupy which either represent the options they are choosing from, or Yes/No/Undecided or Agree/Disagree. Have everyone move to the area that represents their current choice. Then allow them to try to convince each other to move to a station.

Allow them to modify the choices in a way that allows everyone to eventually end up in the same station, if possible.

Everyone wins - even if the agreement is that "everyone is unique, so we agree to disagree"

There are no winners and losers because new alternatives are raised that include everyone.